

REMARKS

The Examiner's Final Office Action of April 26, 2004 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claim 7 has been amended, and claims 1-6 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 7-12 are pending in this application. For at least the following reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 7-12 are allowable over the prior art of record, but are objected because of informalities of grammatical error. Since claim 7 is amended in compliant with the examiner's suggestion described in the Final Action, the amendment shall be entered based on 37 CFR 1.116, and the objection to the claims 7-12 is no longer applicable. These amendments are made to correct the grammatical errors so that no claim narrows its scope by this amendment.

It is noted that this Amendment has been prepared using the requested new format. If there are any irregularities in this format, it would be greatly appreciated if Applicant's Counsel would be so advised

In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and such is earnestly solicited. Should any fee be needed, please charge it to our Account No. 50-0945 and notify us accordingly.

Examination of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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